

MR. T. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): I claim notice.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara cum Kartikapalli*): May I know whether the Executive Engineer has inspected the road mentioned in part (iii) ?

MR. T. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): The information is not available ; I claim notice.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara cum Kartikapalli*): May I know then, on whose local inspection is the report (that this work is not urgent) based ?

MR. T. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): I claim notice.

*Construction of a bridge at Pulikizh.*

28. MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara cum Kartikapalli*): Will the Government be pleased to state :

(a) whether steps are being taken to construct a bridge at Pulikizh on the Mavelikara-Trikkunnappuzha road as it is many years since the old bridge has fallen into disrepair ; and

(b) if the answer to part (a) is in the negative, the reason for the same ?

MR. T. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): (a) No.

(b) The road beyond the Pulikizh crossing being only a foot path and the ferry now maintained at the place being found sufficient to answer the present needs of the people, there is no proposal to construct a bridge now.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara cum Kartikapalli*): Is it on the report of the P. W. D. authorities that the answer to part (b), that there is only a foot-path beyond the Pulikizh crossing on the Mavelikara-Trikunnappuzha road, has been framed ?

MR. T. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): Yes.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara cum Kartikapalli*): May I know whether anybody has inspected that place and ascertained whether there is a gravelled road there ?

MR. T. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): There is a gravel road only on the eastern side of the crossing.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara cum Kartikapalli*): I wish to know whether the authorities are sure that there is no gravel road on the western side.

MR. T. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): I claim notice.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara cum Kartikapalli*): May I know on whose report this answer has been framed ?

MR. T. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): The report of the Chief Engineer.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara cum Kartikapalli*): Are the Government aware that formerly there was a bridge at the Pulikizh crossing?

MR. T. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): Yes.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara cum Kartikapalli*): Has the place become less important now so that a bridge there is considered to be unnecessary?

MR. T. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): The P. W. D. authorities are of opinion that the ferry there is quite sufficient to meet the requirements of the people.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara cum Kartikapalli*): Is it on the ground that the crossing is less used by the public now that a bridge there is considered unnecessary?

MR. T. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): That is a matter of opinion.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara cum Kartikapalli*): I wish to know whether the opinion that a bridge there is unnecessary is based on the impression that the place has become less important or that the crossing is less used by the public.

MR. T. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): I have already stated on what ground the opinion is based. The P. W. D. reports that the ferry there serves the needs of the people.

*Public works in the Kartikapalli and Mavelikara taluks.*

29. MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara cum Kartikapalli*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) whether instructions have been issued by them or the Chief Engineer that some of the public works for which provision is made in the Budget for 1107 need not be executed this year (1107); and

(b) if the answer to part (a) is in the affirmative, the names of the works in Mavelikara and Kartikapalli taluks with reference to which such instructions have been issued?

MR. T. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): (a) and (b) Allotments for some of the public works for which provision has been made in the Budget for 1107 have been surrendered fully on account of financial stringency. Such works in the taluks of Mavelikara and Kartikapalli are:—

(i) The acquisition of the land for widening the eastern approach to the Thazhakara bridge on the first mile of the Mavelikara-Trikunnappuzha road.

(ii) Easing the curves on the Quilon-Alleppey road, mile 23/4 to 24th mile.—

*The Trikkariyur temple road.*

30. MR. K. P. ABRAHAM (*Muvattupuzha cum Todupuzha*): Will the Government be pleased to state: